

# BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20 YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

### DECREASE OF THE BRITISH NAVY.

From the following statement, accurately copied from "Steel's Corcoran List of the Royal Navy" of Great Britain, for September, 1813, and March, 1815, it is evident that in that period, (nineteen months), there was a decrease in the naval force of TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTEEN SAIL—fifty-three of which were of the line! This great decrease (says the Charleston City Gazette) is probably owing to the number of vessels which have been condemned as totally unfit for service, so far exceeding their means for building new ones to replace them.

	Sept. 1813	March 1815
In commission, . . . . .	750	523
Ordinary and repair, . . . . .	131	270
Building, . . . . .	94	36
Total, . . . . .	1,045	829

### NEW YORK GENEROSITY.

REVENUE is one of the first virtues that does honor to the human heart—I was led to this reflection by the kind, generous and noble treatment bestowed on the American prisoners from England, who landed in New York.

As soon as they came on shore, the Corporation of that enlightened city treated them like brothers. An excellent lodging was immediately provided, and a generous table spread with the bounties of nature, cheered the hearts of the prisoners and excited their liveliest gratitude. Shoes were immediately purchased for those who were destitute by order of the mayor; and the prisoners belonging to Boston were sent in a vessel as far as Providence, and their passages paid by the mayor of New York.

These acts of generosity from the mayor and aldermen claim the warmest gratitude of the prisoners, and fully evince that noble liberality for which the city of New York has ever been so highly distinguished.—Boston Cent.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO

### RELEASE OF REBEL PRISONERS.

Orders were received at Fort Warren, Boston Harbor, on Friday last, for the release of all rebel prisoners under the rank of captain there, after they had taken the oath of allegiance, and on Saturday between thirty and forty of these men, mostly of Mosby's guerrillas, were liberated and conveyed to Boston, whence they were furnished with transportation to their homes.

### IMPROVEMENT.

H. C. Wheeler, Esq., is putting a new fence in front of his premises on Main street, (right-hand side going down) between Gilbert street and South avenue, and is setting it back some feet. The order to improve the sidewalk which is altogether too narrow at that point. It would be a good idea if the other property owners thereabouts would follow his example.

### STRAWBERRIES AGAIN.

The assistant editor was surprised by receiving from L. G. Wilcox, Esq., of South Norwalk, by the courtesy of Friend Scofield of the ticket office at one depot, a fine basket of strawberries from vines one year old, of the variety known as the "Triumph de Grand," the largest and finest berries we have seen this season; one of them measuring 6 1/2 inches in circumference, "Dumfries," in the "American Cousin," must have had such a one in view when he proposed to his fair charmer to try half a "strawberry" as a refreshment. Mr. W. takes the first prize from the Farmer office so far.

John H. French, of this city, also "came down" with instalment No. 2 of his excellent berries. John informs us that his vines are flourishing beyond all precedent. Good for the vines, better for John, but best for his friends.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO

### HER NAME IS MAUD S.

The pet of the household of Mr. and Mrs. Frank, C. Callahan, of 177 John street, is a three-months-old lioness. The lioness and its inseparable companion, a Mexican hairless dog, romp about the house, play in the yard like frolicsome kittens and if the front gate happens to be open they will take a run about the streets as they did yesterday. The name of the lioness is Maud S. and the neighbors think that some day she will make a record and a few of them are beginning to pity the dog. Mrs. Callahan, however, has no fear of the dog, as the animals show a real affection for each other. They sleep together, but do not eat together. When Maud S. eats her lion nature asserts itself and her growls assure her a wide berth. She has never done anything yet to bring discredit upon her outside of her growl, except some time when she and her Mexican friend had a slight difference of opinion as to which should occupy a certain spot in their joint bed. Maud S. snapped and growled and so did the little Mexican dog, who got real angry and took her royal highness by the nape of the neck and shook her into submission. Then Maud S. lay down and went to sleep with the Mexican dog's head on her shoulder.

Maud S. was brought up on a bottle. At a tender age she was left an orphan, her mother dying after eating Maud S's brother. The surviving cub was given Mr. Callahan by the owner of the mother lion. About a month ago a mistake was made by giving Maud S. meat for dinner and with her meat came growls and her assertion of the feeder's savage nature.

When Maud S. is hungry she will follow Mrs. Callahan about the house till she is given her meat. If Mrs. Callahan does not notice her she will pull her dress. If she is annoying, Mrs. Callahan will raise her voice and Maud S. sensitive to the reproach, will scamper out of the house or go to bed. Yesterday afternoon when the young lioness was running about the street Mrs. Callahan went to the front door and called "Maudie!

Maudie!" The young lion was some distance from the house inspecting an empty tomato can. As soon as she heard her name she straightened out her tail and ran towards Mrs. Callahan, who ordered her into the back yard.

There are several cats and dogs in the neighborhood. These animals have no fear of Maud S. neither do they show any friendship for her. They simply mind their own business. If they get in her way she walks over them and that's all. She has lots of fun, however, with her Mexican companion. The children of the neighborhood have not yet attempted any familiarity with her. They gather about her, inspect her with interest, and pinch her tail if they want to hear her growl. She has not yet attacked any of the youngsters.

### A WEDDING PRESENTATION.

John Jordan and his bride were descended upon at their residence on States street, last evening, by a numerous party of the groom's brothers, Pythians of P. T. Barnum lodge. The visitors brought an easy chair, which was presented with appropriate remarks by Robert Fitzroy. There was dancing and a collation. Mrs. Jordan was Miss Mary McNamara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon McNamara.

### TROLLEYS TO MILFORD.

The Traction company have completed their line to Washington bridge and additional section will be used for the first time tomorrow. Cars leave the lower bridge every four and a half minutes, and each alternate one stops to Washington bridge, the other stopping at the Green in Stratford. The section of double track on the Washington bridge division is a quarter of a mile in length and it is believed will entirely dispense with delays on that division.

### WAGES NOT INCREASED.

A report that the Traction company had increased the pay of conductors and motormen from \$1.50 and \$1.75 per day to \$1.75 and \$2, or that they were to make such an increase in the near future was declared by President Radel to-day to be without truth.

### SLICED HIS NOSE.

Donald Rice, of 80 Black Rock avenue, aged 3 years, has, or had, an inquisitive nose. He was in a market on Fairfield avenue this morning and was fascinated by the way one of the butchers chopped the legs off the chickens. He got close to the block and the knife came down and sliced his nose. Dr. Osborn put in three stitches at the emergency.

A large fragment of steel flew off a piece which William Kane was chiseling at the Wheeler & Wilson factory yesterday and penetrated his side. It was removed by Dr. Osborn.

## War Brings Nobles of Great Britain To Common Touch

London, June 15.—The war is exercising a decidedly democrat influence on the manners, customs and habits of English folk who are commonly regarded as belonging to the big "B" section of society. Before the war was considered most unaffordable for anybody with any pretensions to gentility to be seen carrying a parcel in public. But now even dukes and duchesses, to say nothing of the aristocracy and titled respectabilities, may be seen openly and unashamedly carrying parcels in Piccadilly or Regent street with an air which implies the proud consciousness that they are setting a good example.

They are, in fact, responding to an appeal to shoppers which has been issued by the Home Office through its Distributing Trade Committee. The shoppers were requested: "To shop early; "Not to expect immediate service; "To carry home parcels; "To give more time for the execution of orders."

The reason for this appeal is that so many shop assistants have abandoned their posts behind the counter to serve their country in the field, that all the big shops are short-handed and have had to take on a lot of untrained help.

## Norway's Commission Unable To Agree On Traffic In Liquors

Christiania, June 15.—An alcohol commission which was appointed by Parliament three years ago to investigate certain conditions and recommend reforms, has just issued a majority and minority reports. The commission consisted of nine members. The majority report, which is signed by six members, advises against the prohibition of the import and manufacture of brandy spirits, but would have the sale of spirits subjected to the same rigid laws which are now in force in Sweden, in accordance with what is known as the Bratske System. The sale of distilled liquors, according to this system, is subjected to the most rigid limitations. The majority report also favors the Swedish system for the sale of beer, according to which beer sold 2 1/4 per cent alcohol by weight is sold free of restrictions.

There are two minority reports. One is signed by two members and recommends prohibition by local veto; the "Semlag" place of dispensing liquors to be allowed to import and sell spirits. The third member of the minority recommends total prohibition, or that the prohibition of distilled spirits be decided by referendum.

### MAKE SOUVENIRS OF N UNEXPLODED SHELLS

Paris, June 15.—A favorite pastime of soldiers at the front is reported to be the carving of rings out of the aluminum fuses of unexploded German shells. They are highly prized as souvenirs.

## JAPANESE CURE FOR TUBERCULOSIS

Great Success Claimed Through Use of Potassium Cuprocyanide.

Dr. Genzaburo Koga of the Kyoto Imperial Hospital, Tokio, announces that he has discovered a cure for tuberculosis, according to an article appearing in the "Japan Times" of May 20. It is said that he has experimented on hundreds of cases and has been successful in every one. The composition of the remedy was suggested by the use of the juice of peach leaves for ptomaine poisoning.

When Dr. Koga was vice president of the Morioka Hospital some ten years ago, says the "Japan Times," he took a keen interest in the domestic remedy used by the late K. Mural, member of the House of Peers, who was in the habit of taking the juice of the peach leaves when spoiled bonito or tunny fish disagreed with him. It served unflinchingly well for the purpose. The observant doctor at once set about investigating the qualities of the peach leaves, which soon proved that they contained hydrocyanic acid. This acid is the antidote to ptomaine poisoning, which results from eating spoiled tunny or bonito. The almond water preparation, which contains more prussic acid than the peach leaves, therefore, counteracts the ptomaine poisoning more quickly, as was ascertained by his experiments. From this datum he inferred that hydrocyanic acid must be specific for tuberculosis, whose toxin so closely resembles the ptomaine that it is next to impossible to distinguish one from the other.

At the international medical conference of 1890 Dr. Koch suggested that one part of potassium aurocyanide diluted in two million parts of water could destroy tubercular bacteria in a test tube, and that, however, it did not at all affect the bacteria in an animal body. Dr. Koga, working on the theory that hydrocyanic acid was also potent against bacteria, found that the acid could destroy bacteria in a tube, because it affects them directly, while in the animal body, it is soon dissolved into urea and discharged. That there was no chance of it coming into contact with the bacteria.

The doctor employed potassium cuprocyanide instead of Dr. Koch's aurocyanide and experimented for a long time. At last he has been rewarded with the discovery of a safe and harmless medicine which works only upon the tubercular bacteria. When it is injected into an elbow vein of a dermal tubercular case the diseased part of the skin is in two hours congested and swells up, turning purple, while the healthy parts are not affected. If it is tried on a consumptive the bacteria in the phlegm will at first increase in number, but decrease at every succeeding injection.

"The disease in its first stage, therefore, is cured completely by three or four injections, and a second stage case by six to ten injections. The patient who recovers through this treatment are enjoying as good health as if they had not suffered from the disease."

## THE BEAUTY OF GREEN GRASS

One of the cares of the man who owns an individual house is the production of a flourishing and well-grassed lawn. In the aggregate an enormous amount of effort is expended in this task. It all pays, for nothing gives a neighborhood such an appearance of refinement as well trimmed grass.

A dwelling may have a profusion of lovely flowers. But if the grass around the house and beds is untidy and untimely the whole effect is disorderly. The beauty of the flowers seems almost to attract attention to the disorder or lack of grass.

Pretty lawns are not found only in the wealthier quarters of a town. There one expects them as a matter of course. They represent largely the faithful work of laborers, but do not involve much personal effort on the part of the owner. In the more modest sections of the town one often finds home places that represent laborious toil on the part of hard working out on their lawns before breakfast, mowing and weeding, or work on them until dark. Frequently one sees the wife operating the lawn mower while the man is gone to the shop.

The production of a good thick grassy lawn is not always easy, even if the supply of water is sufficient. In many soils the grass must be coaxed and coddled with constant fertilizing, seeding and turling. A quart of grass seed may produce but scattering, reluctant, and isolated spears, while the dandelions and other weeds grow with malevolent and indolent ease.

The man who maintains a thick velvet lawn makes a real contribution to the beauty of a town. If his dwelling is located among neighbors that are careless about their surroundings, an example is set that almost always affects the neighborhood. It tends to make real estate more valuable as far as its influence extends. There are few people who are content for long to keep an untidy, thin, lawn, weedy lawn adjoining one that is carefully tended.

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New York, June 14.—Before sailing for Germany Dr. Bernard Dernburg, head of the German Red Cross Society here and holder unofficially of a commission from the Imperial German government to arouse pro-German feeling in this country, gave a farewell reception to 200 of his friends in the German club. Up to a few weeks before sailing Dr. Dernburg was voluble, but the last days of his stay in this country were marked by silence. Pressed for an opinion before he left, Dr. Dernburg said: "I can't understand why the American public should be so interested in my movements or affairs. I am but a mere pawn in the game, and my own personality and plans are far overshadowed by the news and developments on the other side. There is really nothing I can say that would interest the public in either an official or personal capacity."

## TAX RATE OF NEXT YEAR IS SURE TO REACH 24 MILLS

So Say Publisher In Arguments for Commission Government.

Spirited debate over the merits of commission government of cities as compared to the form of government under which Bridgeporters live, made the session of the Citizens' Improvement association, in Germania hall, last evening, the most interesting in the history of the progressive young organization.

One of the significant arguments made by Frank W. Bolande, newspaper publisher and member of the special committee that investigated for Bridgeport the commission form of government, was that taxes next year would surely be 24 mills. He blamed this extraordinary tax rate upon bad business methods, and the trend of his remarks was to place the responsibility rather upon the system of government than upon the officials.

Jasper McLevy, the Socialist leader, attacked the commission form of government as opposed to American principles. He considered it too great centralization of power, and maintained that even with the recall the safety of the city would not be assured if the commissioners proved to be unfaithful to their trust.

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